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Thank you,



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The inventor appreciates the extensive research and prior art information.


The changed claims are grouped: 37, 40-44, 57; 45, 47-50, 58; and 51, 53-56, and 59; where claims 37, 45, and 51 are independent claims. Claims 38, 39, 46, and 52 are CANCELLED.

Short Discussion

The prior art describes route selection where the possible route paths are specified in the route and route adaptation by modification or adding execution paths. Route selection requires the route be designed with all of the potential route selections in the specification. The route designer must have significant process knowledge foresight and the route specification is large and complex. Route adaptation requires changing or adding execution paths, which requires sophisticated screens and tools, e.g. GUI based tools, and requires skills beyond the workflow user who understands the business processes but not changing dynamic workflows.

The present invention provides simple route structures avoiding the a priori route specification for selection and the complex route adaptation design tools and skills while providing the power to adapt the route during execution.

Respectfully Submitted


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